

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These Remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2005. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 8 and 18. Accordingly, independent claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8. In addition, independent claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 18. Per the Examiner's suggestions, claim 12 has also been amended to overcome the current claim objection to claim 18 and the current rejection under 35 USC § 101. The remaining claims are dependent on either amended claims 2 or 12. Additional minor amendments have also been made for consistency.

Despite disagreement with the claim rejections, Applicants have amended or cancelled the claims without prejudice to expedite allowance. As no issues remain, it is believed that pending claims 2-7 and 12-17 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

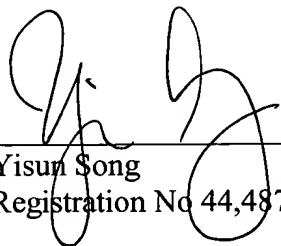
In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that prosecution and allowance of the application will be expedited through an interview, whether personal or telephonic, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any suggestions leading to the favorable disposition of the application.

It is believed that no fees are due for filing this Response. However, the Director is hereby authorized to treat any current or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Applicants also authorize the Director to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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